

History of the Left, and Far Right – And Other Such Journalistic Tendencies



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I argue that the young in India, are finally Sirohi's own college friends and school friends, he is busy marking for them arcs – that this financial recession will be a depression of a modern type. I think the left has no chance is not the case, it is just a spatial fix running through Sirohi argues the world in what David Harvey calls a housing crisis actually which is creating suburbanization and is actually offending the left in its very dynamics, imagine the dominant left failing against this spatial fix ridden economic crisis. The only left is one equipped with his return to Stieglitz and Krugman but as a theory which is complete, and that was enough to defeat the right and we are back. Thank you.

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I. Left in the 1990s, 1980s and then 2000s

Imagine the left in the Keynesian Soviet system, it was a dominant force, and even through the 1990s and 2000s managed 70 seats in the Lok Sabha, and was finally defeated by far right campaigning in the post 2008 financial crisis.

I mean imagine then the history of the left, it has always been dominant, but counter-tendencies and counter-processes of the far right is its crisis. I mean in two arcs there is recently a financial crisis which goes back to the 1930s in a great depression, and was the reason and cause for a populism to emerge twice.

II. Mumbai then as an Instance of it all – 1950 – 1990

Mumbai part of Maharashtra then is where it all plays out as first a Fordist trade union left and then a far right overtaking it in fairly fascistic ways, I also mean

though in the 1930s Berlin Alexanderplatz which I edit to the history of Germany, but in Jewish format, I would argue that it is also intercut with Walter Benjamin, Spartacus league and leftist struggles, a image of the Mumbai modern fascism and leftist trade union style.

III. Anecdotes on working with the Media, in India and in France

I have worked with Indian Express, the far right media in India, and the Hindu a failed leftist project and Le Monde a centrist polemic which is actually deeply far right. An anecdote that sums up how they work is given by Amarjeet Sirohi, just pin it far right. I meant he understood the media running going on, just exit polls marked far right way before the elections, it is called commercial pinning this style.

IV. Where History is Going with Sirohi, a comrade Intervening against History

Finally Sirohi is back in his usual business, he is talking to everyone as he is known to do. I think history is going into two arcs again – 1930s and 2008 which then resembles the actual crisis, reported as recession but actually a modern depression which cannot recover because Keynes cannot fix the type of surplus-extraction required with wage repression and general theories of crisis economics, I would call this a time for Sirohi to put all things in perspective – the old militants are outmoded, Mao is basically politics, we required a New Left economist like Varoufakis.